REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A.   Restriction of Claims

The Examiner indicated that the claim as originally filed are directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species I, which is directed to claims 1-27; Species II, which is directed to claim 28; Species III, which is directed to claims 29-31; and Species IV, which is directed to claims 32-35.

As indicated in the listing of the claims, the Applicant hereby elects Species I, which is directed to claims 1-27, without traverse.

B.   Corrections Typographical Errors in Specification

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors that were included as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

C.   Summary

In the present Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims as being directed to four patentably distinct species: Species I, which is directed to claims 1-27; Species II, which is directed to claim 28; Species III, which is directed to claims 29-31; and Species IV, which is directed to claims 32-35. The Applicant hereby elects Species I, which is directed to claims 1-27, without traverse.

The Applicant submits that none of the references, alone or in combination, anticipates or makes obvious the invention as presently claimed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the application and the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes that a discussion with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Please apply any credits or charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 23-1665.

Respectfully submitted,

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